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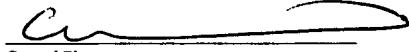
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Applicant : Chee, Mark S., et al. Customer No.: 41552  
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Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.  
 Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27  
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502624, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-referenced Application, please amend the Application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.